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## Arizona House of Representatives Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9  
Drinking Water Protection Section, Mail Code WTR-3-2  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Attention: Nancy Rumrill

Ms. Rumrill;

For the last three years, I have had the honor of representing the Town of Florence in the Arizona House of Representatives. Over that time, the Florence Copper Project has continued to be an issue that the citizens of that community have focused on and for good reason, as it will have a major effect on the daily lives of those who reside in that community.

I am writing to you today in an effort to ensure that the voices of all those concerned with the project are heard in an acceptable manner. People have come to me asking that the U.S. EPA ensure that monitoring stations are in appropriate locations on the project site and I agreed to submit my letter as I believe this is a reasonable request made by residents of the affected area, especially those with properties near the site in question.

I have made it clear since before being elected that this is a regulatory issue with no real role for the legislative body other than to pass information on to regulators as to what the people in the community are concerned with. I have also said for several years that the wishes of the community should be respected and I hold to that. My hope is that with proper monitoring, the U.S. EPA will be able to show all sides of this issue the facts from the perspective of a non-affiliated government regulator.

I thank you for taking the time to review this letter and the many others that have been submitted both in support and opposition to this project and I look forward to reviewing your findings when released to the public.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T.J. Shope".

T.J. Shope  
State Representative  
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